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SUBJ: MEDIA REPORT: DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER INTERVIEW

1. REMARKS BY DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN JAN 7 INTERVIEW, THAT INDEPENDENT POWERS OF SOVEREIGN STATES SHOULD NOT BE USED TO CRIPPLE LARGER MASS OF INDUSTRIAL WORD, SHARPLY CRITICIZED IN JAN 9 BELGRADE DAILY BORBA EDIT BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR VLADO TESLIC. EDIT STATES THAT SOME LEADING INDUSTRIAL NATIONS OF WEST HAVE NOT YET REALIZED THAT TIME OF CHEAP OIL AND OTHER RAW RESOURCES HAS PASSED. UNWILLING TO ACCEPT NEW REALITY, WRITES TESLIC, SOME EXTREME VIEWS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PRESENTED, INCLUDING U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER "OPENLY THREATENING ARAB COUNTRIES WITH USE OF FORCE IF THEY CONTINUE EMBARGO ON OIL TO INDUSTRIAL STATES." EDIT WARNS THAT SUCH TRHEATS ARE REMINISCENT OF "CANNON DIPLOMACY FROM DARTKEST PERIOD OF IMPERIALIST CONQUESTS OF LAST CENTURY."

2. DNEVNIK OF NOVI SAD INCLUDES JAN 8 EDIT BY VOJISLAV MILIN WHICH CHARGES THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S "THREAT" WAS TIMED FOR OPENING OF OPEC CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WITH INTENTIONS OF PRESSURING OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONSUMERS. IDEA WAS TO BREAK UNITY OF OIL PRODUCERS, CONTINUES UNCLASSIFIED

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MILIN, "BECAUSE THREATS WERE AIMED AT ARABS, NOT AT IRAN,

VENEZUELA, OR SOME OTHER PRODUCERS." EDIT ADDS THAT IT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO INFLUENCE SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOW SUFFERING BECAUSE OF OIL SHORTAGE, TOWARDS ADOPTION OF ANTI-ARAB POSITION.

3. TANJUG BULLETING CARRIES ITEM DATED ALGIERS QUOTING ALGERIAN DAILY, EL MOUDJAHID THAT "THE FACT THAT DEFENSE MINISTER OF GREAT POWER HAD CHOSEN TO ISSUE THREAT IN PERSON SHOULD SERVE AS REMINDER THAT ONE HAD BETTER NOT TAKE IT LIGHTLY..." ADDING THAT SCHLESINGER STATEMENT WAS EVIDENTLY A "WELL-MEASURED ONE AND THUS ALL THE MORE SCANDALOUS."  
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